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### **Fire Code Requirements Festivals & Events 2009 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code**

**108.2.4 USBC Permits.** Tents and air supported structures that cover an area of more than 900 square feet or capable of having an occupant load in excess of (50) shall require a permit from the Code Compliance Office.

**2403.8.3 Location of structure in excess of 15,000 sq. ft.** A fire break of not less than 50 feet shall be maintained between all tents having an aggregate floor area of over 15,000 square feet.

**2403.8.5 Fire Break.** An unobstructed fire break of not less than 12 feet wide and free from guy ropes or other obstructions shall be maintained on all sides of the tents.

**2403.9 Anchorage required.** All tents shall be properly anchored to withstand the elements and weather for potential collapse.

**2404.2 / 2404.3 / 2404.4 Flame resistant / certification.** Tent materials shall be labeled and certified as flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701.

**2404.5 Combustible materials.** Combustible materials (hay, straw, shavings, mulch, etc.) shall not be located in any tent. Combustible trash must be removed at least daily.

**2404.6 Smoking.** Smoking shall be prohibited in tents or air supported structures. "No Smoking" signs shall be posted.

**2404.9 Spot lighting.** Spot or effect lighting shall be by electricity only.

**2404.7 Open flame.** No open flames shall be permitted inside or within 20 feet of any tent; air supported, air inflated, or tension membrane structure. Charcoal is not an approved cooking fuel.

**2404.12 Portable fire extinguishers.** All tents (regardless of whether cooking or not) must have a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher rated not less than 2A 10BC.

**906.3.1 / 906.3.2 Portable fire extinguishers.** Tents where cooking operations are conducted must have either a 2A 40BC rated portable fire extinguisher or K Class fire extinguisher.

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**906.6 Unobstructed.** Portable fire extinguishers must be in a visible, accessible location.

**901.6.1 Maintenance standards.** All portable fire extinguishers must be in compliance with the 6-year chemical maintenance check and 12 year hydrostatic test per NFPA 10. Extinguishers must be labeled per the date of the applicable testing.

**110.1 General.** Vendors are responsible for taking the necessary precautions to prevent the public from coming in contact with cooking surfaces, or other hot areas.

**2404.15.1 Installation.** Heating or cooking equipment, tanks, piping, hoses, fittings, valves, tubing and other related components shall be installed as specified in the International Mechanical Code and International Fuel Gas Code.

**2404.15.5 Cooking / Tents.** Tents where cooking is performed shall be separated from other tents, air supported, air inflated or tension membrane structures, temporary membrane structures or canopies by a minimum of **20 feet**.

**2404.15.6 Outdoor cooking.** Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within 20 feet of a tent.

**2404.15.7 Electrical heating and cooking equipment.** Shall comply with the National Electrical Code.

**2404.16.1 General.** LP-gas equipment such as tanks, piping, valves, tubing and other related components shall be approved and in accordance with the International Mechanical Code.

**2404.16.2 Location of containers.** LP-gas containers shall be located outside the tent. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent, air supported, air-inflated, tension membrane structure or canopy.

**2404.16.2 Containers 500 gallons or less.** Portable LP-gas containers of 500 gallons or less capacity shall have a minimum separation between the container(s) and the structure or tent of not less than 10 feet.

**2404.16.2.2 Containers more than 500 gallons.** Must have a minimum separation between the container(s) and the structure or tent of not less than 25 feet.

**2404.16.3 Protection and security.** LP-gas containers shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, damage, and securely fastened in place to prevent unauthorized movement.

**NFPA 58 Leak testing.** All LP-gas connections shall be tested prior to lighting appliances.

It is impossible to identify all conditions that may be applicable to these events. Conditions noted to be in violation of established codes not identified above will require corrective action(s).

If you have questions, please contact a representative of the Hampton Fire Prevention Section by calling (757) 727-1210.